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TENTH FINANCE COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that in pursuance of the Tenth Finance Commission`s supportive measures, several schemes are being operated in the districts of States for water, sanitation, housing, electrification, etc;

(b) if so, whether with a view to benefit the people, the Government has any proposal to take special initiatives to involve elected Members in such programmes; and

(c) if so, the steps taken so far in that direction?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance

(SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) : Yes Sir.

(b) & (c): The several schemes (for which the grants recommended by the Tenth Finance Commission have been given) are usually implemented by the State Governments through the concerned Departments.However, elected representatives are involved in the schemes implemented by the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).The grants recommended by the Tenth Finance Commission to these local bodies are given only if they are elected local bodies, in cases where elections are mandatory under the Constitution.